

## CALL TO COMMITMENT #4 COMMITTED TO YOUR MARRIAGE

*MAT 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

*MAT 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*

There are 3 elements in this storm:

### I. RAINS: THE CULTURE YOU LIVE IN.

There are 3 attitudes that can erode your marriage:

A. Humanism- self-centeredness 2ti 3 2 "lovers of their own selves"

*MAT 19:7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?*

*MAT 19:8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*

B. Materialism- greedy for money or position. Job above family.

"The love of money is the root of all evil."

C. Hedonism- love of pleasure 2Tim 3:4 "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

The world is loved over the kingdom purpose and will.

### II. FLOODS: THE CRISIS YOU WILL LIVE THROUGH

*PSA 69:1 {To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, [A Psalm] of David.} Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto [my] soul.*

*PSA 69:2 I sink in deep mire, where [there is] no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.*

*PSA 69:3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.*

Most enter marriage expecting it to be free of conflict and crisis.

Often there is an over expectation of the mate to meet our needs and make us happy.

There is an interesting passage of scripture in Malachi that we need to examine.

Malachi is showing the men of Israel what is happening when they come to worship.

Their relationship with their wife is keeping the blessing off of their worship and gift.

What was God's complaint?

1. They were make their wives bitter.

The wives are so bitter because they can't pour out their hurt to anyone else that they pour it out to God.

*MAL 2:13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth [it] with good will at your hand.*

*MAL 2:14 ¶ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet [is] she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.*

2. They dealt treacherously with them.

God uses the word treacherously. (unreliability, insecure footing or support) v-13 cover the alter with tears, weeping, and crying out!

3. They were putting their wives away (divorcing them).

*MAL 2:16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for [one] covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.*

4. They cover their abusiveness with a public show of kindness

This is not just an Old Testament concept but is also clearly seen in the N.T.

*IPE 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with [them] according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

The God of the covenant not only is witness of the covenant but also is aware of its violations.

God reminds the men:

1. She is thy wife.
2. She is the wife thy youth.
3. She is thy companion
4. She is the wife of thy covenant.- You are bound to her for life as long as she is keeping the covenant.

v-17 states God hates "putting away"

### III. WINDS: THE CHANGE YOU WILL LIVE WITH

*ECC 3:1 To every [thing there is] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

*PHI 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content.*

Wind because you never know what direction it comes from and where it is going. When it will start or stop. So with our lives together. We are in a constant state of transition.

Physically, emotionally, career changes, child rearing, empty nest, etc.

Three things to do when floods and winds come:

0. Relax in God's plan.
1. Recognize God's presence
2. Rely on God's protection.

### THE ULTIMATE FOUNDATION

*1CO 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*